

NEWS NOTES

RAYMOND H. TORREY

A limited number of reprints of the article on Raymond Torrey in the October, 1938, Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club, bound in paper covers, complete with portrait and bibliography, can be secured from the treasurer, Dr. Harold N. Moldenke, New York Botanical Garden. The price is 25 cents a copy.

At the site of the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island in San Francisco harbor, ground was broken on November 26 for the Floricultural Building. The first shovelful of earth was turned by Miss Alice Eastwood, curator of botany in the California Academy of Science for the past forty-six years.

Dr. Ruth M. Addoms, assistant professor of botany at Duke University, is spending part of a semester's sabbatical leave in the laboratory of Professor J. H. Priestly at the University of Leeds.

Dr. John H. Whittier has retired after serving for twenty-four years in the department of botany at Chicago Teachers College. His place is taken by Dr. Howard J. Dittmer, formerly of the State University of Iowa.

Dr. William D. Merrell, professor of botany since 1899 at the University of Rochester, has been granted a year's leave of absence. He will retire from active service and become emeritus professor in June, 1939. (Science)

The Rancho Santa Anna Botanic Garden in Santa Anna Canyon, California has one visiting day a week during the spring and summer. On these days displays of wild flowers, as many as two hundred at a time, properly labeled, are arranged in the Propagating Nursery and Administration Building. Mimeographed leaflets are prepared for distribution each week describing one native plant and giving directions for its cultivation. One object of the Botanic Garden is to increase the use of native plants in gardens and parks throughout the state.

Edward A. White, professor of floriculture at Cornell University, has been awarded the gold medal of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society "for outstanding service in the field of horticultural education." Professor White organized the first department of horticulture in the United States at the Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1907. (Science)

The new Washington Avenue gates at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden are ready for use. The north entrance is near the Japanese Garden, the south one near the Children's Garden. Both have three gates, one for entrance, one for exit and a central one for baby carriages. The entrance turnstiles have automatic counting devices so that each visitor is registered.

Dr. J. J. Thornber, professor of botany at the University of Arizona, announces that the university will begin this spring the cultivation of desert plants that may be of commercial value. The plants to be grown include guayule and milkweeds for rubber, and other plants that may be valuable for medicine and fiber. It will be several years before it will be known if these plants can be grown successfully.

At the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science during Christmas week the following officers of the Botanical Section (Section G) were elected: president, Dr. E. N. Transeau, Ohio State University; secretary-treasurer, Dr. J. T. Buchholz, University of Illinois.

The officers of the Botanical Society of America for 1939 are,—president, Dr. K. M. Wiegand, Cornell University; vice-president, Dr. M. L. Fernald, Gray Herbarium, Harvard University; secretary, Dr. G. S. Avery, Jr., Connecticut College; treasurer, Dr. Paul Weatherwax, Indiana University.

Work has been begun at the New York Botanical Garden on the new roads that are to run on either side of the grounds. When these are completed the garden will be enclosed in a fence, with two gates on the south, two on the west and one on the east. There will be no roads through the garden for traffic, the present ones being in part retained as service roads. A large part of the northern end of the garden is being given up, including the areas where the Japanese cherries and Conservatory Range number 2 are located.